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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement Office action dated December 29, 2005, response to which is due January 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the invention of **Group I, directed to polynucleotides for COX-3a and Cox-3b, Claims 1-16, 22, 24, and 49.** Applicants also elect the single sequence SEQ ID NO. 3, as required by the Examiner, but the required election of sequence is traversed on the grounds that SEQ ID Nos. 3, 5, 8, and 10 all relate to aspects of one invention, and can be examined and search without overwhelming the Patent Office practices.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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